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Introduction

Welcome to the Big Shot user manual! Here you will find details on how to use all the cool features included with this great theme. Please be sure to give us feedback on this manual. We are always looking for ways to improve our user guides!

All of our themes are built on top of WordPress. If you have never used this amazing publishing platform you might wonder what it is, and why we use it exclusively to develop our themes.

WordPress is one of the most popular and powerful web publishing platforms available today. It has a user community which extends easily into the millions! It has undergone years of development and is a stable, fast, secure, and highly flexible platform. It is also extremely easy for users to maintain their OWN site and content.

Using WordPress is one thing but each theme can be very different and that's why we have taken the time to put together this extensive user manual to help you get the most out of your theme. It is organised into logical sections that cover all major aspects of getting your site up and running with Big Shot!

Theme Installation

To use your Press Coders theme you will need to have a web site running WordPress 3.2+. You have two basic alternatives for installation. You can either do it yourself, or get us to install it for you for FREE!

If you already have a web hosting account and have used WordPress before and feel confident with installing themes etc. then you can go ahead and install it yourself. It really isn't that complicated. On the other hand if you are new to WordPress and want to get up and running quickly then we can install WordPress and your theme for you.

To qualify for this installation offer, simply take out a web hosting account at DreamHost after purchasing your theme. Then, fill out the theme install request form and that's it! As soon as we receive your installation request it will get processed straight away. We will install everything for you and e-mail you once complete.

Please Note: We can only install ONE theme per customer for FREE. If you need us to install other themes you have purchased from us then please contact us for a quote.

Manual Installation

If you are installing yourself then this section gives you some tips to help install your theme as easily as possible.

You can either install your theme via the WordPress admin panel or via FTP. It is recommended you use the WordPress admin to upload and install your theme as this is by far the easiest method.

WordPress Admin Installation

1. Download the theme's .zip file from your Press Coders control panel (you will have received an e-mail after theme purchase containing your login details).
2. Log in to WordPress, and go to Appearance -> Themes. Click on the "Install Themes" tab, and click the blue "upload" link.
3. Upload your theme's .zip file, then activate the theme.
4. Go to the theme options panel via Appearance -> [Theme Name] Options and start configuring your site!

FTP Installation

If you would like to upload your theme via FTP instead, follow these instructions.

1. Download the theme's .zip file.
2. Unzip the theme folder.
3. Upload the unzipped folder to the wp-content/themes folder on your server.
4. Log in to your WordPress admin area, go to Appearance -> Themes, and activate your theme.
5. Go to the theme options panel via Appearance -> [Theme Name] Options and start configuring your site!

Quick Start Guide

This section is designed to help you get up and running as quickly as possible. If you don't understand any terms or aspects of this quick start guide then please look them up in later sections where each topic is covered in more detail.

So you have Big Shot installed. What should I do now?

Create Some Content

If you have a brand new site as well installing a shiny new theme, you will need some content to actually display on your site! It is worth taking some time and using the WordPress editor to create some posts and pages. Just so your site visitors have something to read when browsing your site.

Whenever you create a new Post it is well worth the effort adding a cut-off point, to define an excerpt. This is really useful, as when you view your main blog page (or use the Blog Style Recent Posts widget) your posts will be displayed with a nice clean excerpt of just a couple of sentences (or wherever you added the cut-off point).

If you don't define a cut-off point then the whole of your posts will be displayed on the main blog page etc. which is not desirable in most cases. It is very easy to define a cut-off point by using the WordPress built-in <!--more--> tag. Simply add this anywhere in your post editor either by typing it in manually, or using a button in the post editor toolbar (recommended).

Setup the Navigation Menus

Next, it is recommended you set up you sites navigation structure, and you can begin with the navigation menus located at the top of your site. Big Shot has two main menus as shown in Figure 1 below.

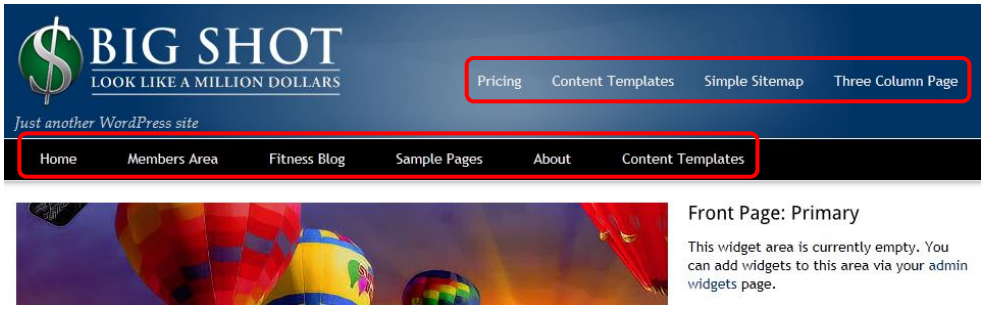

Figure 1. Big Shot has two main navigation menus you can customise.

The primary menu is located to the right of the logo, and the secondary menu below the logo. To add menu items to either menu simply go to Appearance -> Menus and create two new menus (we recommend you call then primary and secondary). Once created you need to assign them in the 'Theme Locations' meta box. This basically tells WordPress where to show each menu you have created.

You can now start adding items to your menus using the meta boxes down the left hand side of the Appearance -> Menus page (Custom Links, Pages, Posts, and Categories etc.). When you have added items to your menu you can drag them around to reorder them and set the hierarchy level (i.e. whether each menu item is a parent menu, or sub menu etc.).

It really is that easy! Just be sure to save your changes before previewing them.

Front Page Configuration

You will probably want to setup your front page pretty early on as this is likely to be the page visited most on your site. In Big Shot your front page is 100% widgetized, and you basically add ALL content via widgets.

To control which widgets are displayed on your front page go to Appearance -> Widgets. On the right hand side of the widgets page you will see a bunch of widget areas that are available in Big Shot. The ones that affect the front page are: 'Front Page: Primary', 'Front Page: Secondary', 'Front Page: Main Content', and 'Front Page: Before Content'. Figure 2 shows what sections of your front page these widget areas relate to.

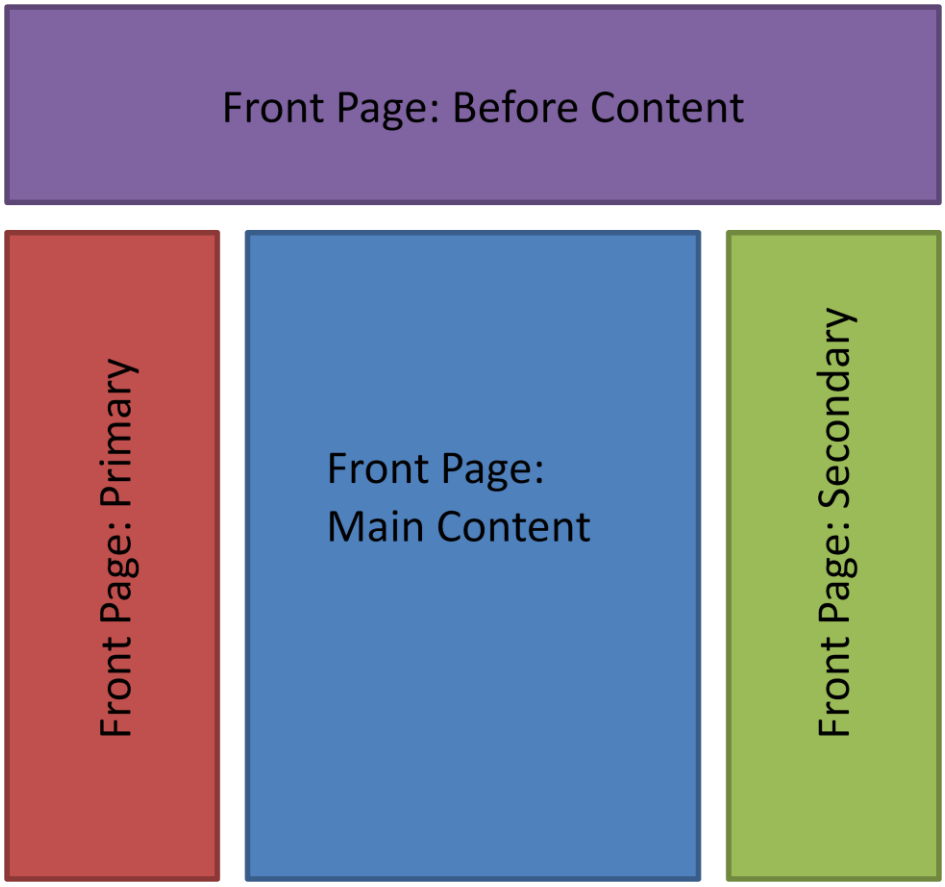

Figure 2. Big Shot front page widget areas.

Depending on your front page column layout, which can be altered via theme options, you will have up to 2 sidebars (primary and secondary). Simply drag widgets into the relevant widget areas to begin building your front page.

Once you get used to it, I'm sure you will agree that it is an extremely easy and flexible way to create your front page! It really gives you the control to add whatever content you like, and in what order. And if you need to change anything then you can literally do so in a matter of seconds!

Useful Page Templates

Big Shot comes with several page templates built-in to help you get your site up and running as quickly as possible. To see all the available page templates simply go to the page editor for any page. In the Page Attributes meta box click the drop down arrow under the Template heading.

You will find three of the available page templates immediately useful:

- Blog Template
- Contact Form
- Sitemap.

Blog Template

The blog template can be used to display your main blog post listing. All the recent posts you have written will appear on this page. To use it, create a new page and give it a title. Then select the Blog Template from the drop down page template box and hit Publish to save the page.

Contact Form

It is very easy to get a contact form up and running. Just create a new page that uses the Contact Form page template. Specify a page title and click Publish to save it. That's it! You now have a fully functioning contact form on your site. Note: The e-mail address that is used to receive contact form submissions is specified in Settings -> General. So if you need to change this, here is where you do it.

Sitemap

It can be very useful to have a sitemap to help your visitors find their way around your site. Setting up a page to use this template is just as easy as the contact form. Just create a new page, select the Sitemap page template, fill out a title, and hit Publish!

It is important to remember that the sitemap displays pages in the order (and hierarchy) that they are defined in the WordPress admin via the Pages menu link, and NOT via any custom menus that have been defined in Appearance -> Menus. This is probably primarily due to the fact that you can potentially have several custom menus defined in your site.

Note: Pages based on the three page templates described above can easily be displayed on your main navigation menu by going to Appearance -> Menus, and adding them where you want them to appear.

Widgets Everywhere!

Any content that you want to place on sidebars (on any page or post) is controlled via widgets. Go to Appearance -> Widgets to manage all your widgets and the widget areas they will appear in.

Can't Find It? Search It!

Big Shot has a built-in custom search results template which is used to display results from specific keywords that have been entered into your sites search boxes.

If there are no results returned then you are prompted to search again, or click on an existing post/page. Assuming there are search results, these get displayed as a list of links with titles and excerpts. Also, all searched keywords that are matched, are highlighted making it easier to spot where in the text they are located.

Theme Options

We will start by going through the Big Shot theme options one at a time. Once activated, you can view the theme options page via Appearance -> Big Shot Options. It will look similar to Figure 3.

Note: Throughout the theme options page there are little information icons. Hover your mouse over any of these icons and a little tooltip will appear giving you more information about a particular theme option.

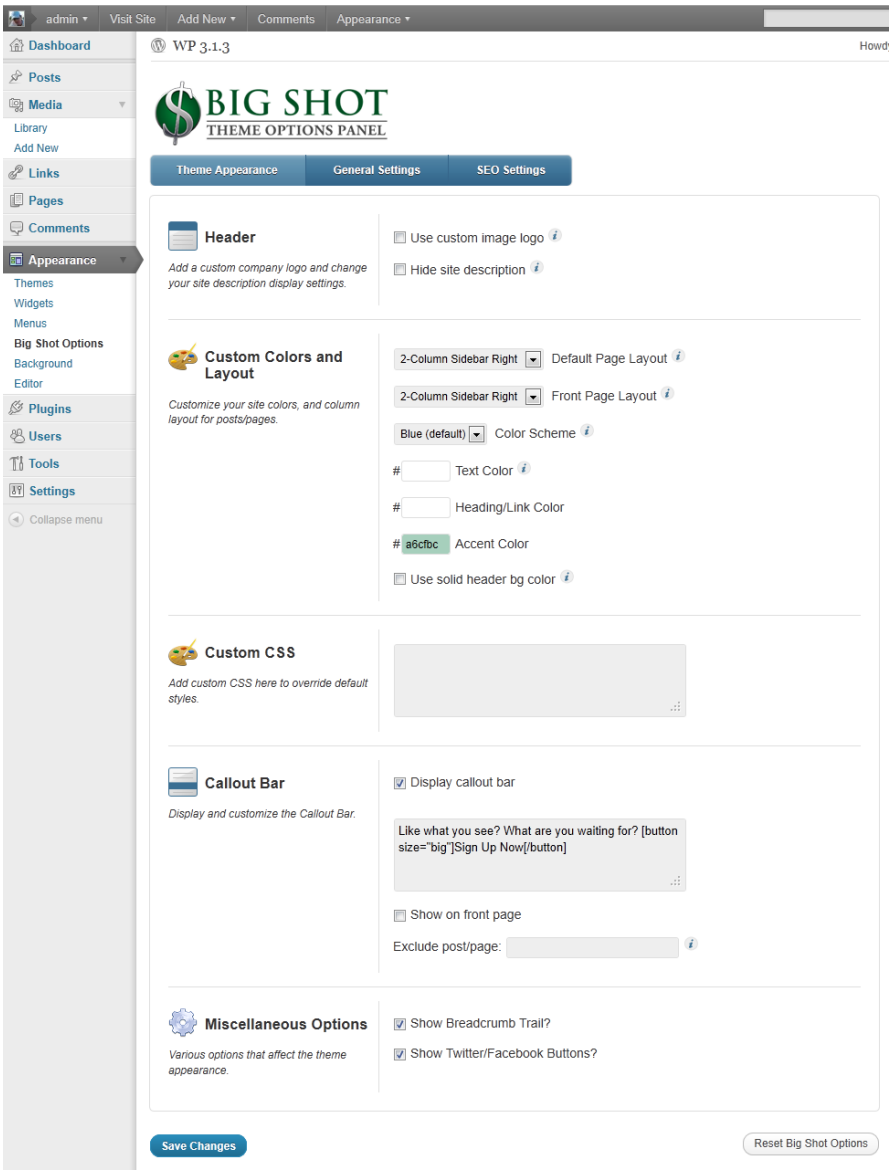

Figure 3. Big Shot theme options page.

The theme options page is a tabbed interface, and by default the 'Theme Appearance' tab is selected. There are three tabs available in total, the other two tabs you can click on show other options relevant to the them and are called 'General Settings' and 'SEO Settings'.

Theme Appearance Tab

The theme appearance tab contains options to control the visual layout of your site, such as custom style sheets, post/page column layouts etc. There is even a brand new option where you can enter raw CSS code to quickly customize any aspect of your sites design!

Header Section

The header section allows you to show a custom logo image in replacement of the site title text. When you click on the 'Use custom image logo' check box, more options appear, see Figure 4. The new options that appear are a text box, and two buttons.

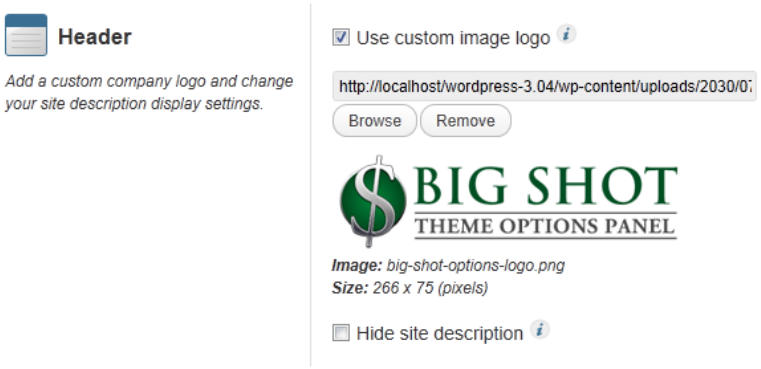

Figure 4. Expanded custom logo options.

To specify a logo image you can type in a valid path manually or click the browse button, which will invoke the standard WordPress media up-loader dialog box. Use this to find an image already uploaded to the media library or to upload a new image from your computer. When you find the particular image that you want to use as a logo, select the size you want and then click on the 'Insert into Post' button, see Figure 5.

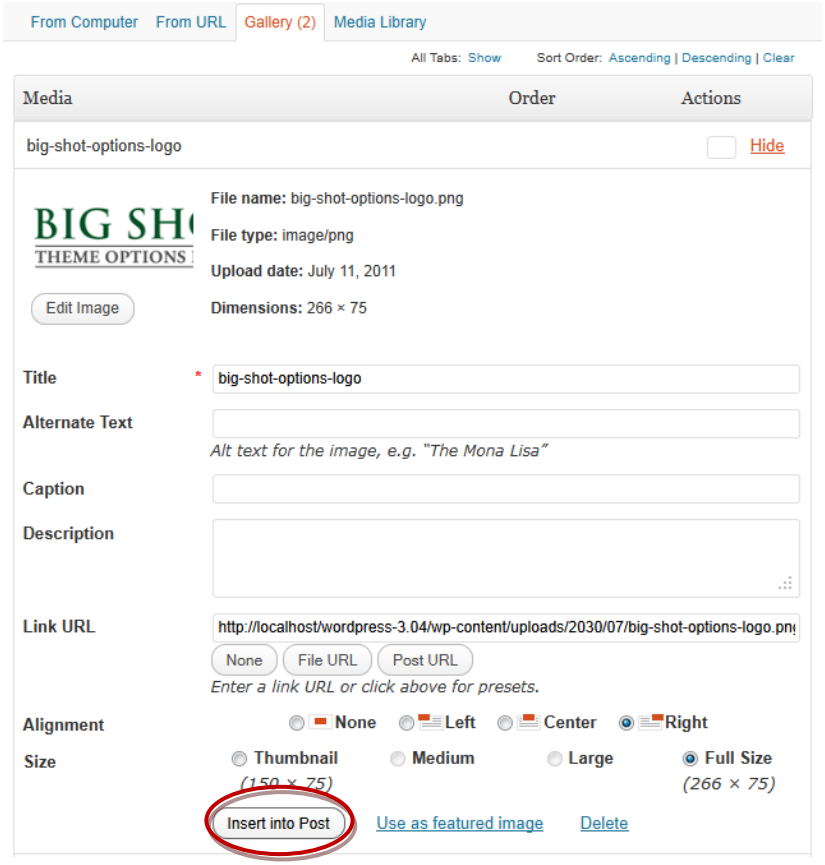

Figure 5. Click the Insert into Post button to use the selected image.

Whenever the logo text box has been updated another button appears prompting you to save your changes. Click this button and the logo will be saved. If you now visit your front page you will see your new logo!

You can update your logo at any time by repeating the above process. If you want to remove the logo from the text box you can click on the 'Remove' button. If you want to go back to using the site title text instead of a logo then you must uncheck the 'Use custom image logo' check box, and save your changes.

A nice advantage of using an image logo with Big Shot is that if you use an image logo, it is not only displayed on the front end of your site but also on the WordPress login page, see Figure 6. The image links to your front page, whereas normally on the login page you get the WordPress logo displayed which links to the WordPress.org website.

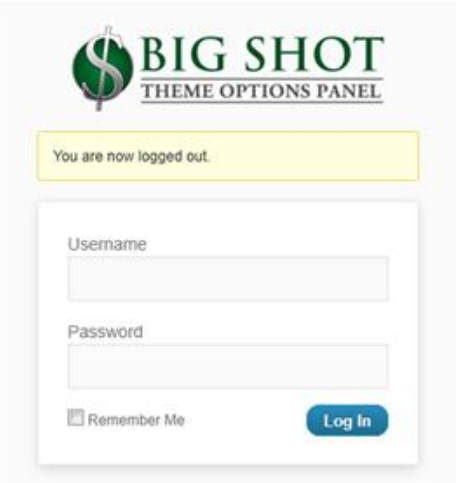

Figure 6. Custom logo also displayed on login page.

The second option in the 'Header' section is pretty self explanatory, and shows or hides the site description. This is displayed on your site underneath the site title/logo. To hide the description just check the box and save theme options.

Custom Colors and Layout Section

The first two options in this section control the column layout for all posts/pages on your site, see Figure 7. To control the layout on ALL pages simply enter whichever column layout type you wish from the 'Default Page Layout' drop down box, and save theme options.

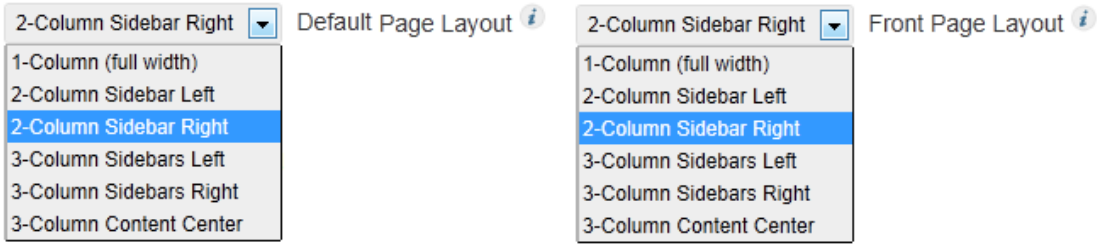

Figure 7. Global and Front Page column layout options.

This option is great to set how you want the column layout to appear on *most* pages. But what if you want to have a different layout for specific pages? Well, Big Shot allows you to easily override the global column layout setting on each individual post/page, see Figure 8. Simply go to any post or page edit screen and look for the 'Big Shot: Column Layout' meta box, then select what column layout you want for this particular page. It's that easy!

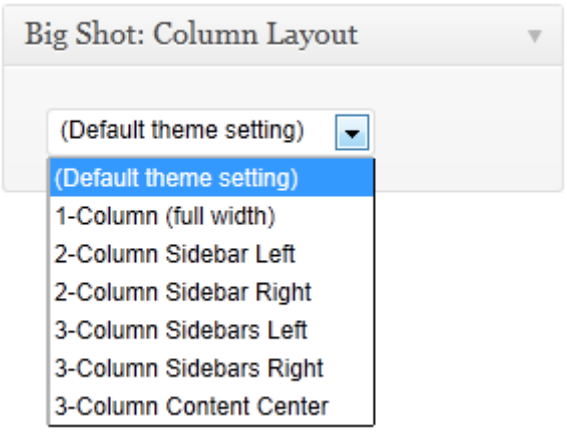

Figure 8. Control column layout on individual posts/pages.

You can also easily override the global column layout setting for the front page. This allows you to separate the layout on the front page from all your other pages. Select a column layout from the 'Front Page Layout' drop down box theme option to set your front page layout.

The rest of the options in this section give you control over some preset color settings. First you can choose a site-wide color scheme. In the current version of Big Shot you get a choice of the following color schemes:

- Blue (default)
- Crimson
- Clean White
- Dark
- Green

For the 'Text Color', 'Heading/Link Color', and 'Accent Color' options you can click inside each box and a color picker appears allowing you to select the exact color you want, see Figure 9.

Figure 9. Color picker for the Accent Color option.

Finally in this section you can toggle the transparent image in the site header via a check box. When the check box is selected the transparent image is not used.

Custom CSS Section

This is a pretty cool feature in Big Shot and allows you to very quickly add CSS styles that affect how your site displays. Normally to do this you would have to create a child theme to add custom styles, even for just a couple of minor changes.

Just enter style commands in the text box just like you would normally in a style sheet, and save your changes. The new style will be visible next time you visit the front end of your site!

Callout Bar Section

The callout bar is a notification area you can use to display a site-wide message in a prominent position. See the highlighted area in Figure 10 for an example of what this looks like.

Figure 10. Callout bar highlighted in red.

Big Shot has several options on how/where it is displayed, see Figure 11. Firstly, you can toggle whether the callout bar appears at all or not. Then, there is a text box where you enter html which forms the callout bar content.

If the callout bar is visible then it appears on ALL pages, so the remaining two options allow you to toggle the callout bar on the front page, and allow you to specify a comma separated list of page ID's that you want to exclude the callout bar on. This makes the callout bar a flexible addition to your site!

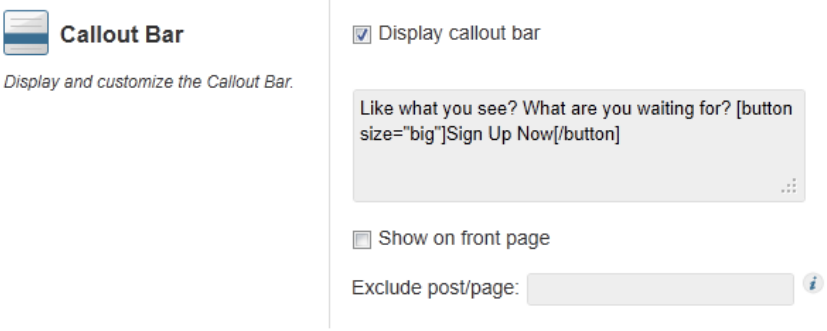
Callout Bar
Display and customize the Callout Bar.
Display callout bar
Like what you see? What are you waiting for? [button size="big"]Sign Up Now[/button]
Show on front page
Exclude post/page:

Figure 11. Callout bar options.

Miscellaneous Options

The last section in the 'Theme Appearance Tab' contains two check boxes. The first one allows you to show/hide a breadcrumb trail, which is shown in Figure 12.

Figure 12. Big Shot breadcrumb trail.

The breadcrumb trail follows the parent/child hierarchy of post/pages (set on the page editor) and NOT of the custom navigation menus that you have defined in Appearance -> Menus. This is important to remember as you may wonder why your breadcrumb trail does not seem to match your navigation menu structure.

In Settings -> Permalinks we suggest you have a permalink structure of:

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/%category%/%postname%/
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The second check box option lets you show/hide the Twitter and Facebook icons that are shown by default on single posts. Take a look at Figure 13 to see what these look like.

Figure 13. Twitter and Facebook buttons.

General Settings Tab

The general settings tab contains two sections with options for things like header/footer code insert text boxes, and toggles for showing post thumbnails etc.

General Settings Section

This section contains a toggle option to show post thumbnails on the main blog page, or not. The difference between this option being on/off is show in Figure 14.

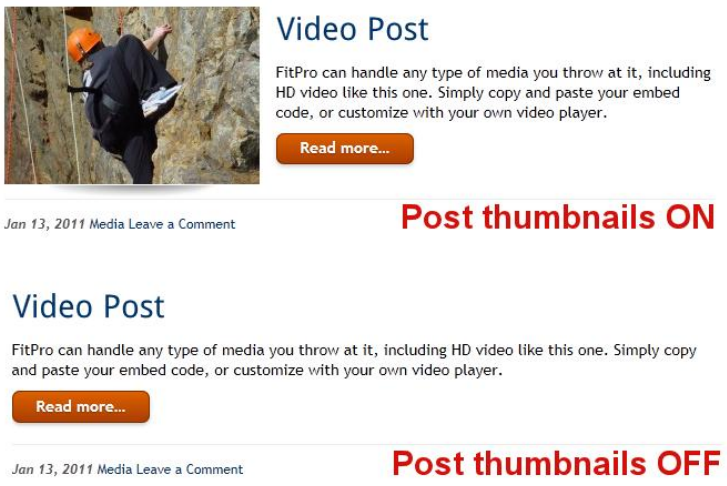
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Figure 14. Post thumbnails on/off comparison.

Header & Footer Inserts Section

The second section on the 'General Settings' tab contains 3 text boxes that you can use to add html/content to the header and footer areas of your site.

The 'Header Insert' text box adds html code just before the closing <head> tag, and the 'Footer Insert' text box adds html code just before the closing <body> tag.

The last text box specifically controls the footer link text displayed on your site. You can change this to whatever you want. There is even a 'Reset footer links' button to allow you to return the footer links to the default settings (without having to reset the whole theme options).

SEO Settings Tab

The last theme options tab gives you control over some SEO settings. Firstly there is a toggle to turn the SEO feature on/off. When the check box is selected a meta box appears on the post/page editor screen, see Figure 15.

Figure 15. SEO box appears on post/page edit screen to control SEO meta information.

There is also a similar box on the 'SEO Settings' tab to control the SEO meta information on the front page.

Widgets

The following widgets are available exclusively in Big Shot:

- News Ticker
- Blog Style Recent Posts
- Color Scheme Switcher
- Info Box
- Nivo Content Slider
- Testimonial
- Big Shot Recent Posts
- Twitter Feed

News Ticker Widget

The News Ticker Widget gives you a fantastic way to highlight posts in a prominent position. It is used to great effect when added to the front page under the content slider as seen in Figures 16, and 17. The difference between the two is that Figure 16 shows how the news ticker looks when used on the 'Front Page: Before Content' widget area, and Figure 17 sows the news ticker when added to the 'Front Page: Main Content' widget area.

The widget 'knows' where it is being placed and renders accordingly. You don't need to modify any additional settings.

SLIDER POST 7 Slider post seven. Some content for the first slider post, that will appear on the front page of your site. Some content for the first slider post, that will appear...
RECENT NEWS Hello world!: Welcome to WordPress. This is your first post. Edit or delete it, then start blogging!

Figure 16. News ticker added to the Front Page: Before Content widget area.

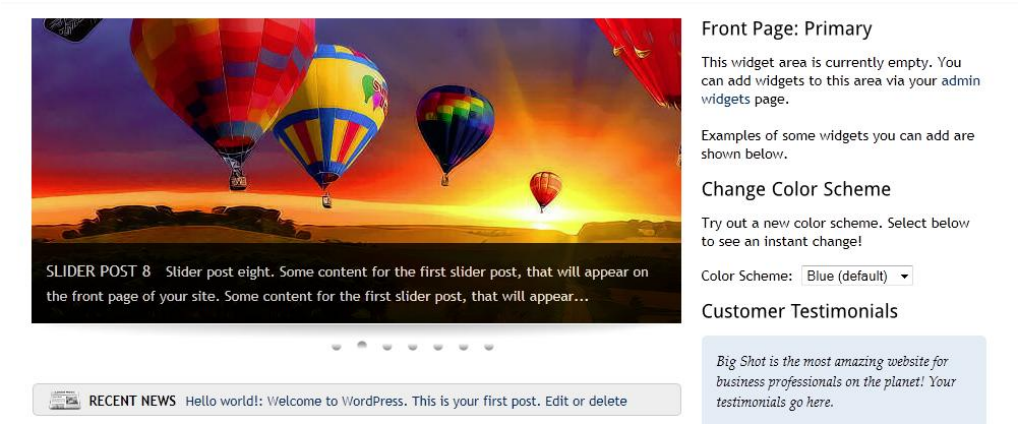
SLIDER POST 8 Slider post eight. Some content for the first slider post, that will appear on the front page of your site. Some content for the first slider post, that will appear...
RECENT NEWS Hello world!: Welcome to WordPress. This is your first post. Edit or delete
Front Page: Primary
This widget area is currently empty. You can add widgets to this area via your admin widgets page.
Examples of some widgets you can add are shown below.
Change Color Scheme
Try out a new color scheme. Select below to see an instant change!
Color Scheme: Blue (default)
Customer Testimonials
Big Shot is the most amazing website for business professionals on the planet! Your testimonials go here.

Figure 17. News ticker added to the Front Page: Main Content widget area.

The News Ticker widget has some options that can be configured when it is dragged into a widget area. These are shown in Figure 18.

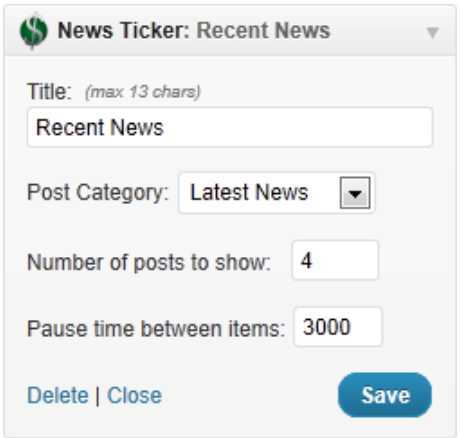

Figure 18. News Ticker widget.

You can select options for the news ticker title, the source post category, how many posts to rotate through, and the pause time between each item shown.

Note: At the moment, the news ticker should only be used on per page. It does not support multiple instances. This is a limitation of the third party JavaScript that powers the news ticker. It is hoped that multiple instances will be supported before the next update to Big Shot!

Blog Style Recent Posts Widget

This widget is displayed on the Big Shot live demo (http://www.presscoders.com/themes/demo/big-shot.php) and is a great way to display your recent blog posts on your front page, see Figure 19.

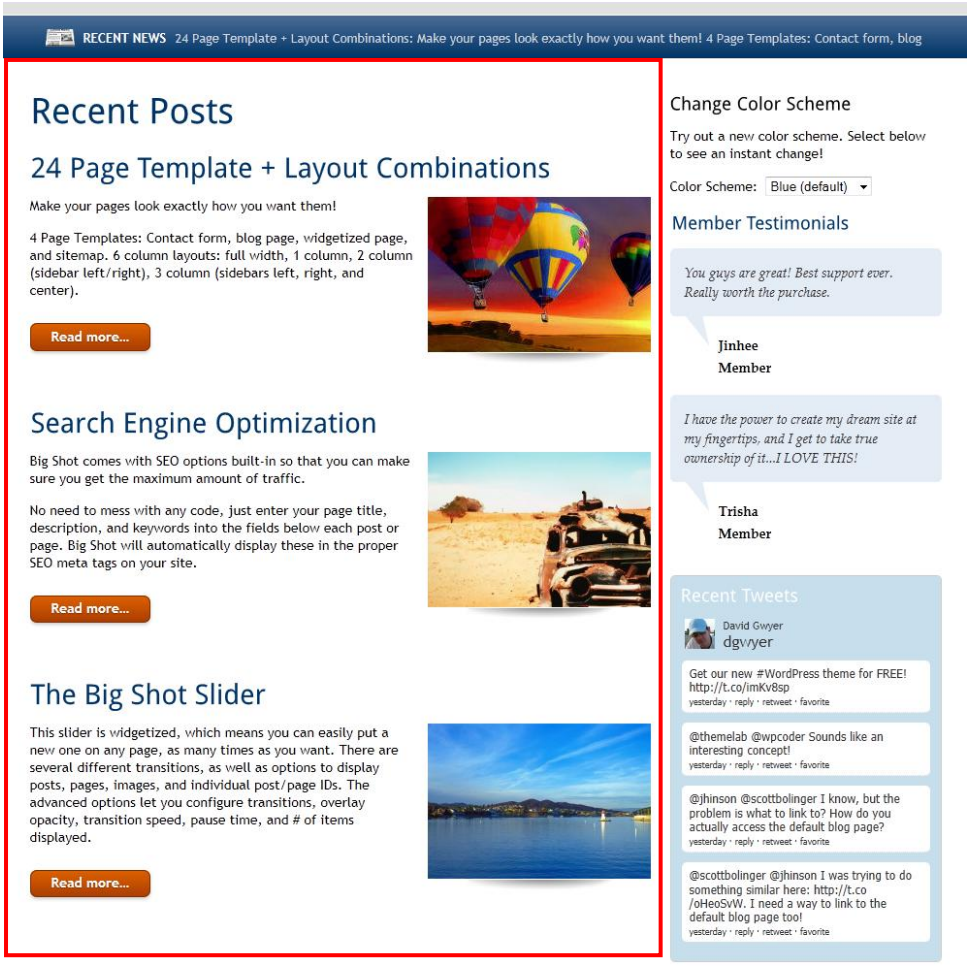
RECENT NEWS 24 Page Template + Layout Combinations: Make your pages look exactly how you want them! 4 Page Templates: Contact form, blog
Recent Posts
24 Page Template + Layout Combinations
Make your pages look exactly how you want them!
4 Page Templates: Contact form, blog page, widgetized page, and sitemap. 6 column layouts: full width, 1 column, 2 column (sidebar left/right), 3 column (sidebars left, right, and center).
Read more...
Search Engine Optimization
Big Shot comes with SEO options built-in so that you can make sure you get the maximum amount of traffic.
No need to mess with any code, just enter your page title, description, and keywords into the fields below each post or page. Big Shot will automatically display these in the proper SEO meta tags on your site.
Read more...
The Big Shot Slider
This slider is widgetized, which means you can easily put a new one on any page, as many times as you want. There are several different transitions, as well as options to display posts, pages, images, and individual post/page IDs. The advanced options let you configure transitions, overlay opacity, transition speed, pause time, and # of items displayed.
Read more...
Change Color Scheme
Try out a new color scheme. Select below to see an instant change!
Color Scheme: Blue (default)
Member Testimonials
You guys are great! Best support ever. Really worth the purchase.
Jinhee
Member
I have the power to create my dream site at my fingertips, and I get to take true ownership of it...I LOVE THIS!
Trisha
Member
Recent Tweets
David Gwyer
dgwyer
Get our new #WordPress theme for FREE! http://t.co/imKv8sp
yesterday · reply · retweet · favorite
@themelab @wpcoder Sounds like an interesting concept!
yesterday · reply · retweet · favorite
@jhinson @scottbolinger I know, but the problem is what to link to? How do you actually access the default blog page?
yesterday · reply · retweet · favorite
@scottbolinger @jhinson I was trying to do something similar here: http://t.co /oHeoSvW. I need a way to link to the default blog page too!
yesterday · reply · retweet · favorite

Figure 19. Output of the Blog Style Recent Posts widget.

Flexible widget options all you to select posts from any individual category, or from all categories. You can also select the title that will appear above the blog posts, the total number of posts to show, and if post thumbnail images will be rendered or not, see Figure 20.

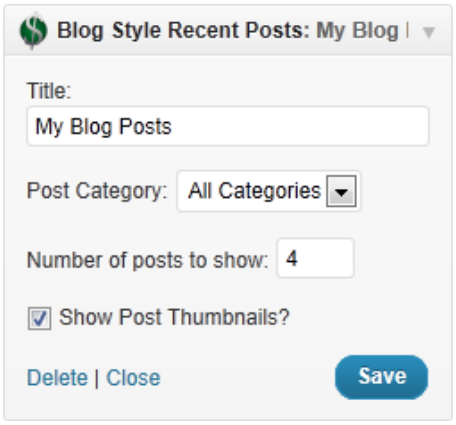

Figure 20. Blog Style Recent Posts options form.

Just add the widget to the Front Page: Main Content widget area, and you're good to go!

Color Switcher Widget

The Color Switcher widget allows your site visitors to choose which color scheme is visible to them, on their browser. It doesn't affect how it appears on all other sites, the color scheme chosen in theme options controls which color scheme is visible by default, see Figure 21.

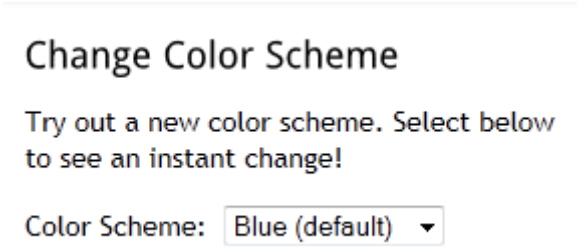

Figure 21. Color scheme switcher widget.

The color scheme chosen sets a cookie on a user's browser which lasts for 24 hours. If they haven't chosen a new color scheme within this time then the color scheme will revert to one in set in theme options. Figure 22 shows the widget options available for the color scheme switcher. You can change the title, and the text that is displayed above the drop down box of color options.

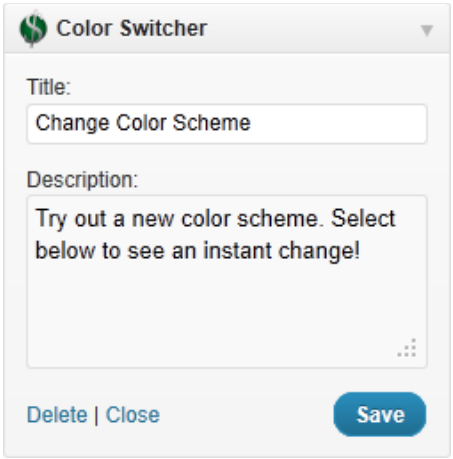

Figure 22. Color switcher widget options.

Info Box Widget

The Info Box widget is a flexible widget to display a telephone number, Facebook link, Twitter link, and a search box. Figure 23 shows the Info Box when it is added to the header widget area.

Figure 23. Info Box widget displayed in the header area.

You can also easily add it to a normal sidebar widget without having to alter any CSS code. It knows how to render itself accordingly – depending on where it has been placed! The Info Box widget options are shown in Figure 24.

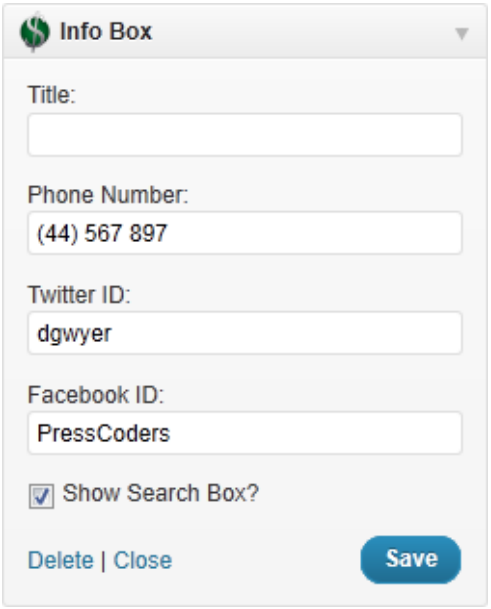

Figure 24. Info Box widget options.

There are four text fields to add a title, phone number, Twitter ID, and Facebook ID. For the Facebook field for example, our Facebook page is at: http://www.facebook.com/PressCoders, so to get a valid link to this page we simply entered 'PressCoders' (without quotes) into the Facebook text field.

If any of the text fields are left empty (or Show Search Box is unchecked) then that field won't get displayed on the front end of your site. This gives you an easy way to control if the phone number, Twitter link, Facebook link, and search box fields are shown or not.

Nivo Content Slider Widget

As the front page is 100% widgetized, we have made the main content slider into a widget! Figure 25 shows how this renders on a sample page in Big Shot. The slider widget can be added to any widget area without you having to edit any CSS etc. But try it in the 'Front Page: Before Content', and 'Front Page: Main Content' widget areas for best results!

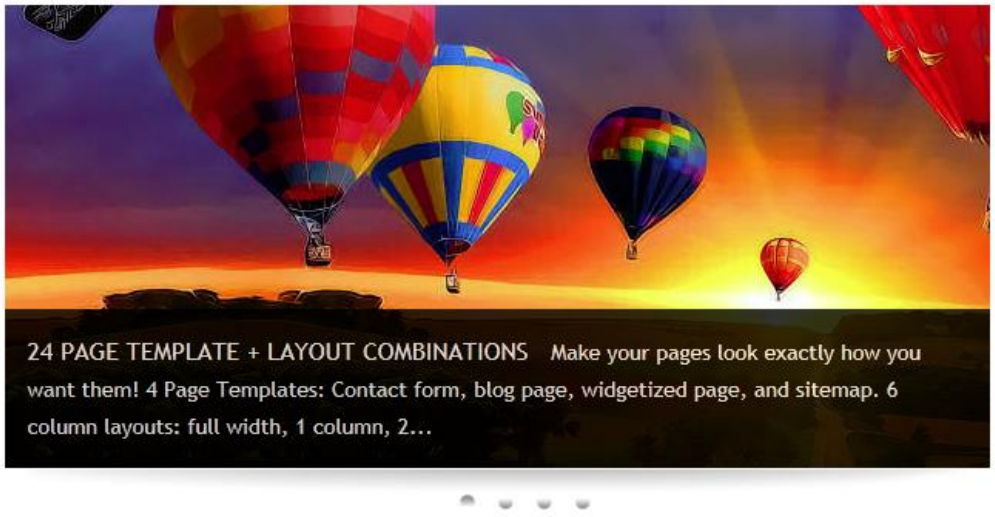
24 PAGE TEMPLATE + LAYOUT COMBINATIONS Make your pages look exactly how you want them! 4 Page Templates: Contact form, blog page, widgetized page, and sitemap. 6 column layouts: full width, 1 column, 2...

Figure 25. Big Shot main content slider.

There are a lot of flexible options for the slider widget, some of which are not displayed by default. To see these extra options click on the Advanced Options link, and the full options will appear, as shown in Figure 26.

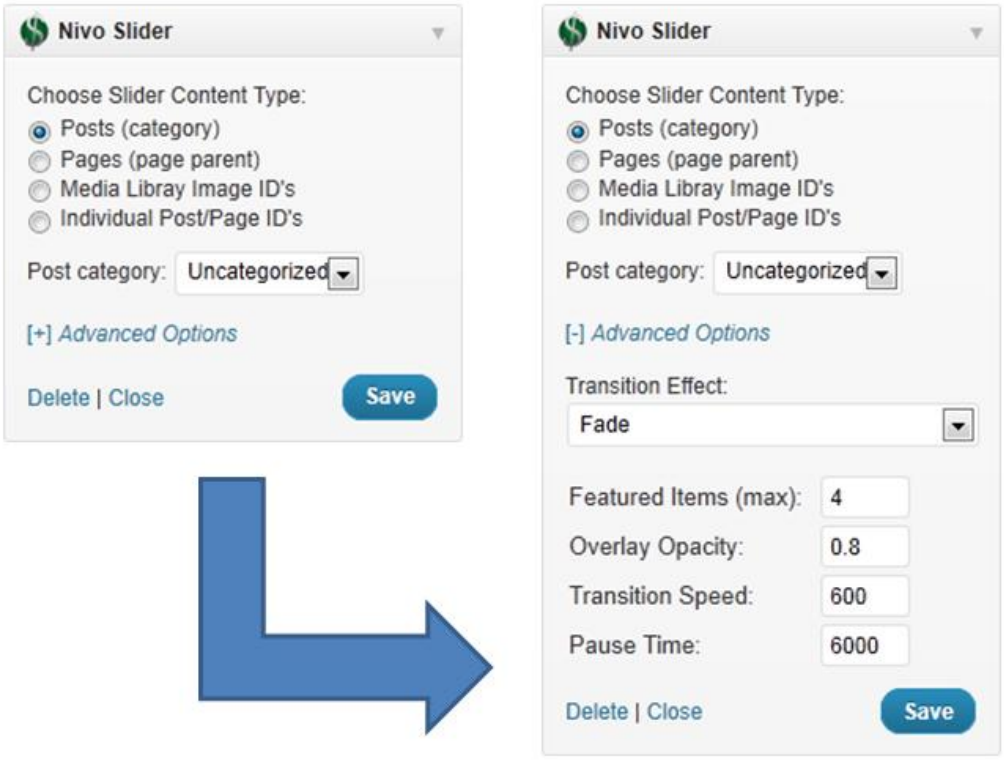

Figure 26. Nivo slider default options, and advanced options.

The first set of widget options allows you to specify the source location of the slider content. You can choose to show slider content from posts, pages, the WordPress media library, or a mixture of posts/pages via post/page ID's.

For posts, select the first radio button and choose the source post category from the 'Post category' drop down box. Before this step you should already have a post category set-up (e.g. 'Slider Content') and only add posts to this category that you want to display in the slider.

Showing pages is pretty similar, choose the second radio button and then select the from the 'Page parent' drop down box. It is assumed that you already have a parent page set-up with child pages that you want displayed in the slider. To make a page a child of another, simply select the Parent drop down box on the page editor and choose the page that you want to act as a parent.

You can also choose to display images ONLY in the slider (i.e. that don't link to a particular post or page). To do this simply select the third radio button and then in the 'Add media library image ID's' text box enter a comma separated list of image ID's.

Note: You can find out an image ID quite easily by clicking Media -> Library in the WordPress admin and hovering over an image in the list. In the browser status bar you will see a link such as: http://localhost/wordpress-3.04/wp-admin/media.php?attachment_id=2194&action=edit*. In this case the number 2194 is the image ID.*

Finally you can specify a mixture of posts/pages to show in the slider by selecting the fourth radio button and entering a comma separated list of post/page ID's in the 'Enter list of Post/Page ID's' text box.

Note: Finding the ID for a post/page is similar to finding an image ID. Simply go to Posts -> Add New, or Pages -> Add New, and hover over an item in the list. The ID will be shown in the browser status bar just like for image ID's.

If you intent to show a post/page in the content slider then you will need to upload an image for each post/page you want to display. Look for the Featured Image on the post/page editor and use it to set/delete the associated image. It is recommended that you upload images of 940 pixels wide and at least 300 pixels high. If you don't specify a featured image for a post/page then a default one will be shown in the slider.

The other options available in the slider widget control how the items appear. For instance you have options for the number to cap the number of items shown in the slider, as well as being able to control slider timing, and text overlay opacity.

Note: If you want to turn OFF the text overlay just set the Overlay Opacity to zero.

Testimonial Widget

This is used in conjunction with the Testimonial shortcode described in the next section. Basically it is a dedicated wrapper for using testimonials in sidebars, displayed on your site pages. The result is shown in Figure 27.

Testimonials
Big Shot is the most amazing website for business professionals on the planet! Your testimonials go here.
D.Gwyer
Acme Inc.
Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Nam in pellentesque urna. Nunc ac magna vel ipsum mollis suscipit at non lectus.
Scott
Press Coders

Figure 27. Testimonial widget when added to a sidebar.

Most of the options are controlled via the Testimonial shortcode, but you do have options for the title, and main text box that the Testimonial is entered into, see Figure 28.

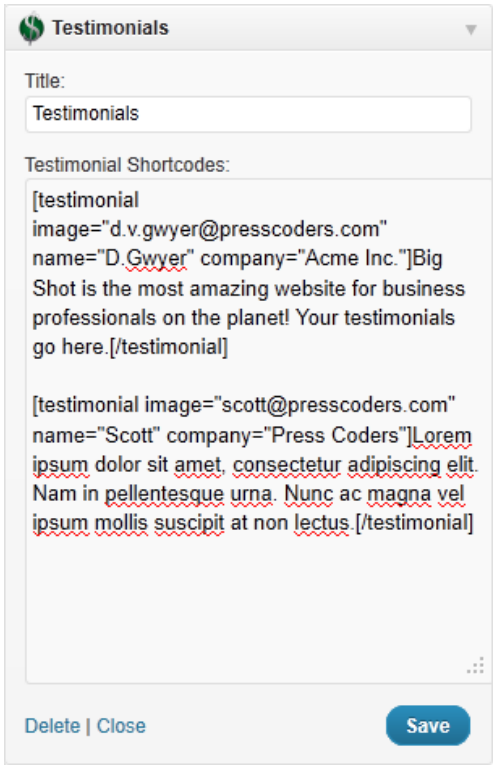
Testimonials
Title:
Testimonials
Testimonial Shortcodes:
[testimonial image="d.v.gwyer@presscoders.com" name="D.Gwyer" company="Acme Inc."]Big Shot is the most amazing website for business professionals on the planet! Your testimonials go here.[/testimonial]
[testimonial image="scott@presscoders.com" name="Scott" company="Press Coders"]Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Nam in pellentesque urna. Nunc ac magna vel ipsum mollis suscipit at non lectus.[/testimonial]
Delete | Close
Save

Figure 28. Testimonial widget options.

See more details about the Testimonial shortcode in a later section, where all the various attribute options are discussed.

Big Shot Recent Posts Widget

This widget gives you a nice compact way to display recent posts in a sidebar. It is different to the WordPress built-in recent posts widget in that it displays a larger post title, a post excerpt, and a read more link, see Figure 29.

My Recent Posts
Gallery Test
Using Linked Images:
Read more...
Hello world!
Welcome to WordPress. This is your first post. Edit or delete it, then start blogging!
Read more...

Figure 29. Big Shot Recent Posts Widget.

The widget options are shown in Figure 30, and allow you to alter the title, source post category, and number of posts to show.

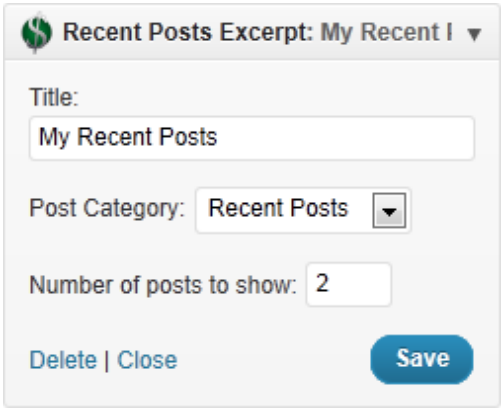

Figure 30. Big Shot Recent Posts widget options.

Twitter Feed Widget

This widget gives you a super easy way to show your latest tweets to your site. Figure 31 shows how it looks in a sidebar.

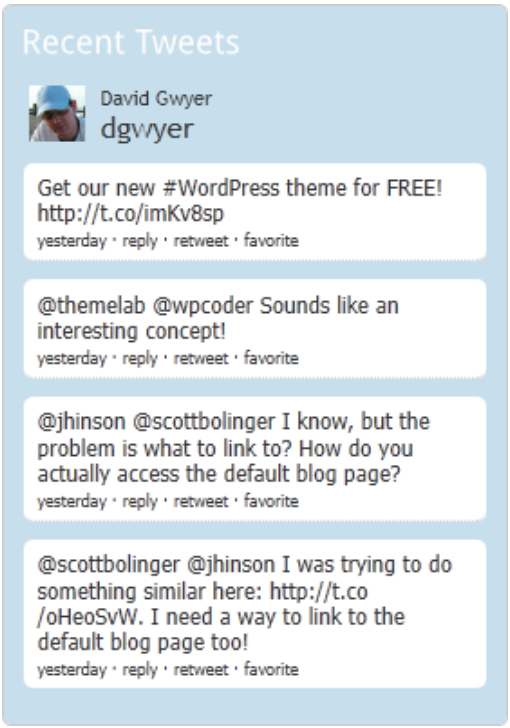
Recent Tweets
David Gwyer
dgwyer
Get our new #WordPress theme for FREE! http://t.co/imKv8sp
yesterday · reply · retweet · favorite
@themelab @wpcoder Sounds like an interesting concept!
yesterday · reply · retweet · favorite
@jhinson @scottbolinger I know, but the problem is what to link to? How do you actually access the default blog page?
yesterday · reply · retweet · favorite
@scottbolinger @jhinson I was trying to do something similar here: http://t.co /oHeoSvW. I need a way to link to the default blog page too!
yesterday · reply · retweet · favorite

Figure 31. Twitter Feed widget.

To show your latest tweets just add in your Twitter ID and a title if required. You can also control how many tweets are displayed, with an optional timestamp. See Figure 32.

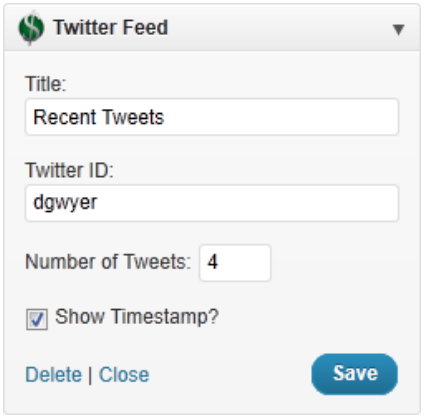

Figure 32. Twitter Feed widget options.

Easily Identify Big Shot Widgets

To make it easier for you to identify which widgets are exclusive to the Big Shot theme, we have added a little icon next to each Big Shot widget title on the Appearance -> Widgets page , see Figure 33.

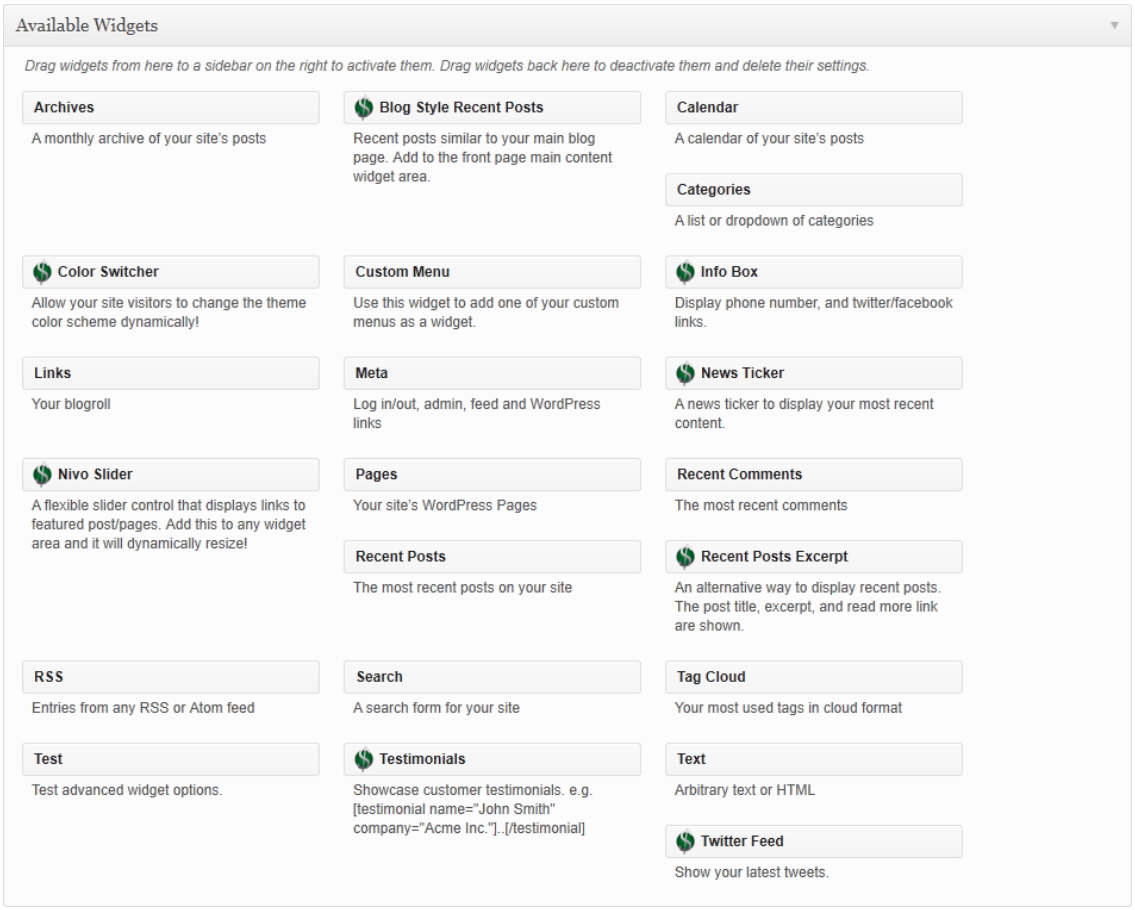
Available Widgets
Drag widgets from here to a sidebar on the right to activate them. Drag widgets back here to deactivate them and delete their settings.
Archives
A monthly archive of your site's posts
Blog Style Recent Posts
Recent posts similar to your main blog page. Add to the front page main content widget area.
Calendar
A calendar of your site's posts
Categories
A list or dropdown of categories
Color Switcher
Allow your site visitors to change the theme color scheme dynamically!
Custom Menu
Use this widget to add one of your custom menus as a widget.
Info Box
Display phone number, and twitter/facebook links.
Links
Your blogroll
Meta
Log in/out, admin, feed and WordPress links
News Ticker
A news ticker to display your most recent content.
Nivo Slider
A flexible slider control that displays links to featured post/pages. Add this to any widget area and it will dynamically resize!
Pages
Your site's WordPress Pages
Recent Comments
The most recent comments
Recent Posts
The most recent posts on your site
Recent Posts Excerpt
An alternative way to display recent posts. The post title, excerpt, and read more link are shown.
RSS
Entries from any RSS or Atom feed
Search
A search form for your site
Tag Cloud
Your most used tags in cloud format
Test
Test advanced widget options.
Testimonials
Showcase customer testimonials. e.g. [testimonial name="John Smith" company="Acme Inc."]..[/testimonial]
Text
Arbitrary text or HTML
Twitter Feed
Show your latest tweets.

Figure 33. Big Shot makes it easy to see theme only widget.

It can be a little frustrating sometimes to find a specific widget, so this feature saves you time and allows you to quickly find the widget you're after!

Shortcodes

The following Shortcodes are included in Big Shot:

- Box
- Button
- Site URL
- Testimonial
- Week Dates
- Year

Box Shortcode

The [box] shortcode allows you to wrap html content in colored boxes to make parts of your web pages stand out. You specify different colors with an attribute as follows:

```
[box color='red']Your content goes here[/box].
```

The colors currently supported are: gold, green, blue, yellow, red. See Figure 34 for some examples of how the [box] shortcode renders on a web page.

[box]...[/box]

Default: Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Cras at leo a tellus blandit imperdiet quis a purus. Mauris malesuada facilisis erat, eu blandit magna tincidunt sed. Nullam non est sed eros vulputate suscipit vel non mi. Etiam porttitor, lectus quis rutrum egestas, mi enim consectetur lacus, ut placerat ligula nibh vitae quam.

[box color='green']...[/box]

Green: Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Cras at leo a tellus blandit imperdiet quis a purus. Mauris malesuada facilisis erat, eu blandit magna tincidunt sed. Nullam non est sed eros vulputate suscipit vel non mi. Etiam porttitor, lectus quis rutrum egestas, mi enim consectetur lacus, ut placerat ligula nibh vitae quam.

[box color='blue']...[/box]

Blue: Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Cras at leo a tellus blandit imperdiet quis a purus. Mauris malesuada facilisis erat, eu blandit magna tincidunt sed. Nullam non est sed eros vulputate suscipit vel non mi. Etiam porttitor, lectus quis rutrum egestas, mi enim consectetur lacus, ut placerat ligula nibh vitae quam.

[box color='yellow']...[/box]

Yellow: Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Cras at leo a tellus blandit imperdiet quis a purus. Mauris malesuada facilisis erat, eu blandit magna tincidunt sed. Nullam non est sed eros vulputate suscipit vel non mi. Etiam porttitor, lectus quis rutrum egestas, mi enim consectetur lacus, ut placerat ligula nibh vitae quam.

[box color='red']...[/box]

Red: Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Cras at leo a tellus blandit imperdiet quis a purus. Mauris malesuada facilisis erat, eu blandit magna tincidunt sed. Nullam non est sed eros vulputate suscipit vel non mi. Etiam porttitor, lectus quis rutrum egestas, mi enim consectetur lacus, ut placerat ligula nibh vitae quam.

[box color='gold']...[/box]

Gold: Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Cras at leo a tellus blandit imperdiet quis a purus. Mauris malesuada facilisis erat, eu blandit magna tincidunt sed. Nullam non est sed eros vulputate suscipit vel non mi. Etiam porttitor, lectus quis rutrum egestas, mi enim consectetur lacus, ut placerat ligula nibh vitae quam.

Figure 34. Some examples of [box] shortcodes.

If you do not specify a color attribute it displays a default color similar to the gold attribute.

Button Shortcode

The [button] shortcode provides a flexible way to make a prominent link stand out. You can use it to link to other web pages, or send an e-mail. The form of the [button] shortcode is:

```
[button]Button Text[/button]
```

The available [button] shortcode attributes are: size, target, link, color. You can use any combination of these attributes to configure your button. The individual attributes are discussed below.

Note: If you don't specify any content between the opening and closing [button] shortcode tags then the button content reverts to a default of 'Button Text'.

Size Attribute

There are two sizes available: normal, and big. If you don't specify a size attribute then normal is used by default, see Figure 35.

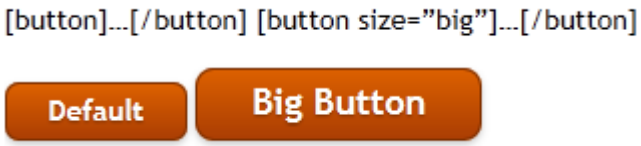

Figure 35. [button] shortcode 'size' attribute.

Target Attribute

The target attribute allows you to specify where the button link will open. These are the same as the HTML target attributes used in anchor <a> tags. The available choices are: '_blank', '_parent', '_self', and '_top'.

Use them in the [button] shortcode as follows:

```
[button target='_blank']Button Text[/button]
```

Link Attribute

The link attribute allows you to use the [button] shortcode to link to another web page, or to trigger a send e-mail action.

To send an e-mail use:

```
[button link="mailto:d.v.gwyer@presscoders.com"]Send E-mail[/button]
```

Or, to link to a web page use:

```
[button link="www.google.com"]Let's Google![/button]
```

If you don't want your button to link to anything then just leave the link attribute blank.

Color Attribute

You can style your button with the following colors: gray, black, white, red, blue, yellow, green, gold. An example of using a color attribute would be:

```
[button color='blue']Blue Button[/button]
```

See Figure 36 for how all the different button colors look when rendered.

Figure 36. Different [button] shortcode colors.

Site-URL Shortcode

This is a simple shortcode that you can use to show a link to your site front page. Simply add the following shortcode to any post/page:

```
[site-url]
```

Then, when your web page loads the shortcode gets replaced with the following HTML:

```
<a rel="home" title="WP 3.1.3" href="http://localhost/wordpress-3.04/">WP 3.1.3</a>
```

Of course, the anchor tags title, link, and link text will be replaced with the information from your own blog. The above is just an example of the [site-url] output.

Testimonial Shortcode

This shortcode allows you to show testimonials anywhere on your site! It can be used in Big Shot in conjunction with the Testimonial widget to show testimonials in sidebars too.

There are shortcode attributes to show an image icon, your name, and a company name. An example of the Testimonial shortcode with all the attributes is given below:

```
[testimonial image="d.v.gwyer@presscoders.com" name="D.Gwyer" company="Acme Inc."]Big Shot is the most amazing website for business professionals on the planet! Your testimonials go here.[/testimonial]
```

See Figure 37 for how this shortcode looks when added to a sidebar.

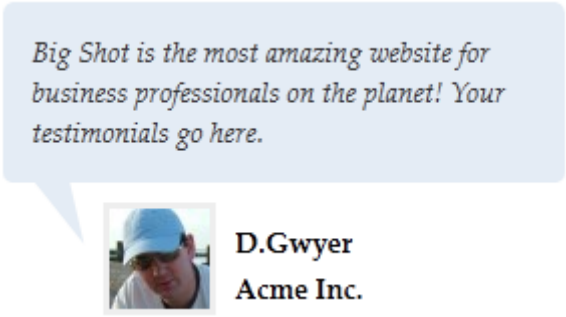
Big Shot is the most amazing website for business professionals on the planet! Your testimonials go here.
D.Gwyer
Acme Inc.

Figure 37. Testimonial shortcode with all the trimmings!

The name, and company attributes are simple text fields, but the image attribute is slightly more complex. You have the option to add an image icon via an e-mail address (i.e. that is connected to a Gravatar image), or just a normal image URL. But make sure that the path to the image is valid if you choose a standard image, otherwise it won't get displayed in the Testimonial.

Week-Dates Shortcode

This shortcode simply outputs the start/end dates of the current week (Sun-Sat). Add the shortcode to a post/page with [week-dates]. This will result in the following output (depending on the current date of course):

July 17th – 23rd

Year Shortcode

This shortcode is pretty simple too. It merely outputs the current year! Add it to your site with [year]. This will result in the year being outputted as 2011 (you will obviously see something different if the current year isn't 2011!).

Page Templates

The following page templates are included in Big Shot:

- Default Template
- Blog Template
- Contact Form
- Sitemap
- Widgetized Page

Default Template

This is the page template that is used by default on all pages unless you specifically choose a different template.

Blog Template

If you want to show a blog on your site then create a new page and set the page template to Blog Template, and click Publish. If you have added some blog posts, with featured images, then your blog page will look something like Figure 38 (depending on the sidebar widgets you have added too).

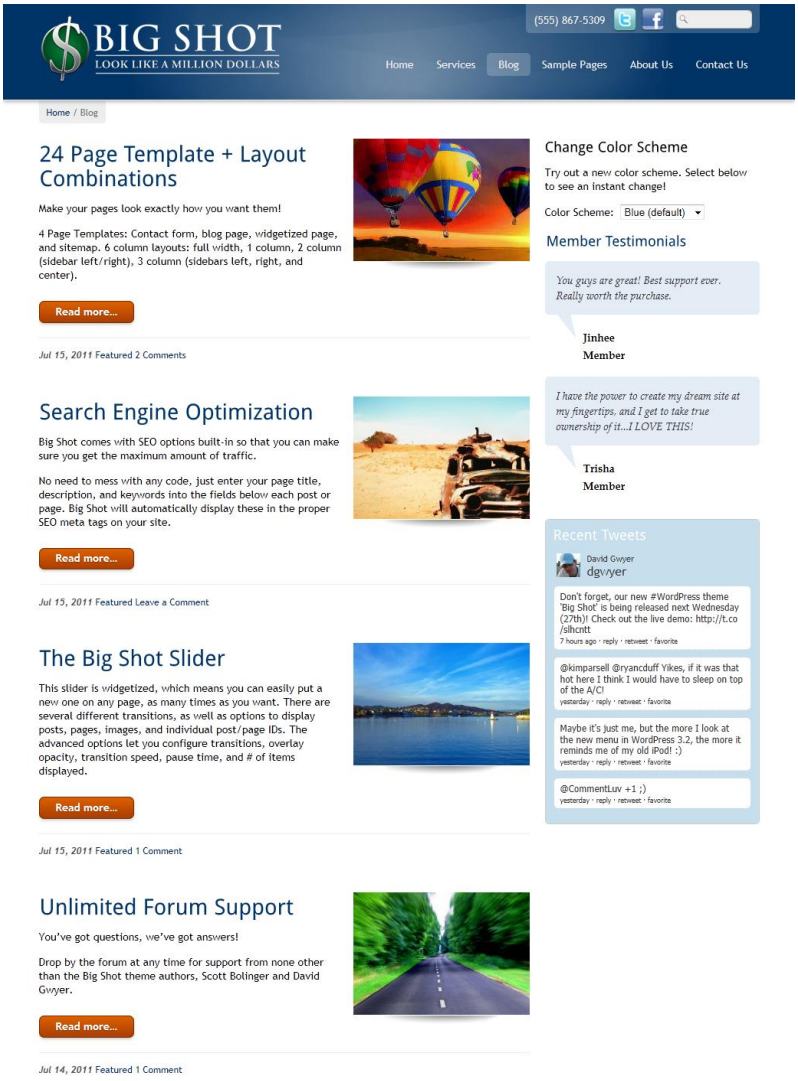
BIG SHOT
LOOK LIKE A MILLION DOLLARS
(555) 867-5309
Home
Services
Blog
Sample Pages
About Us
Contact Us
Home / Blog
24 Page Template + Layout Combinations
Make your pages look exactly how you want them!
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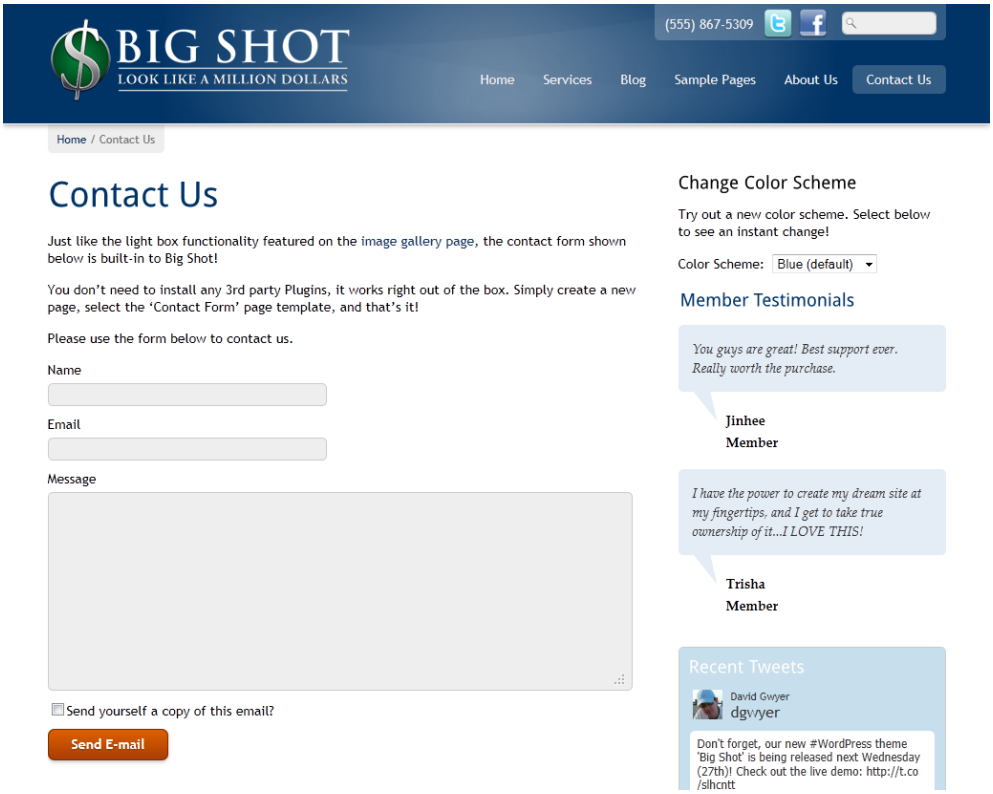
Figure 38. Blog Page template in Big Shot.

Contact Form Template

Want to add a contact form to your site? Well, it couldn't be easier in Big Shot! Just use the built-in page template included with Big Shot. Create a new page and set the page template to Contact Form. Once published, this will look like Figure 39.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You don't need to install any 3rd party Plugins, it works right out of the box. Simply create a new page, select the 'Contact Form' page template, and that's it!
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Figure 39. Big Shot Contact Form page template.

Sitemap Page Template

The sitemap page template allows you to create a HTML sitemap page at the click of a mouse button! Create a new page, and set the page template to Sitemap. After you have published this page, it will look similar to Figure 40.

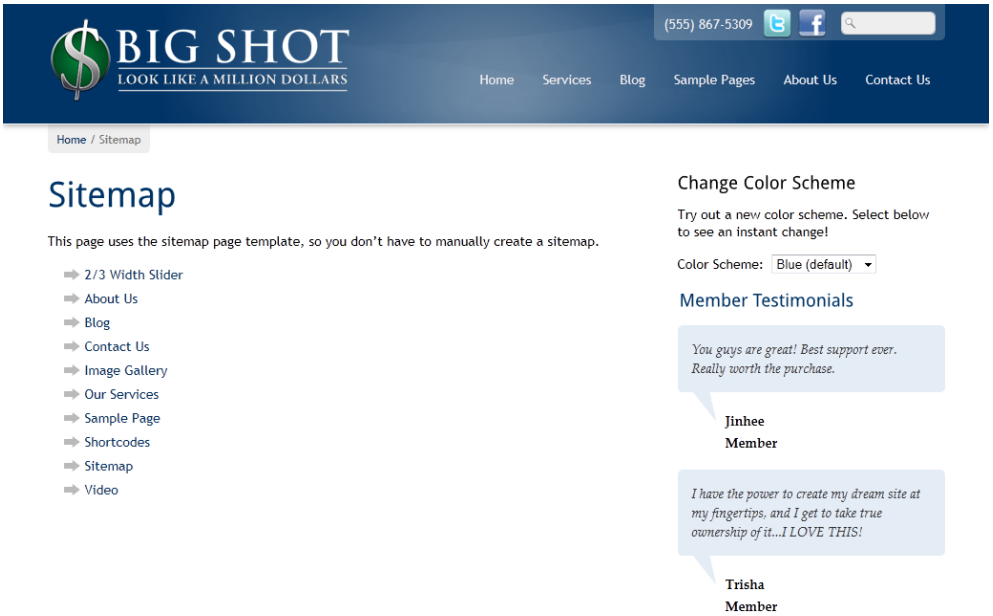


Figure 40. Big Shot Sitemap page template.

Widgetized Page Template

This page template allows you to create **multiple** widgetized pages. Turn any existing page into a widgetized page (and back again) at the click of a button! Anything added to the page editor on a widgetized page will be ignored when the page is displayed on the front end.

Each page that uses this template is 100% widgetized and all content is added via widgets. Create a new page, and set the page template to Widgetized Page. Now scroll down the page editor screen until you see a meta box similar to Figure 41.

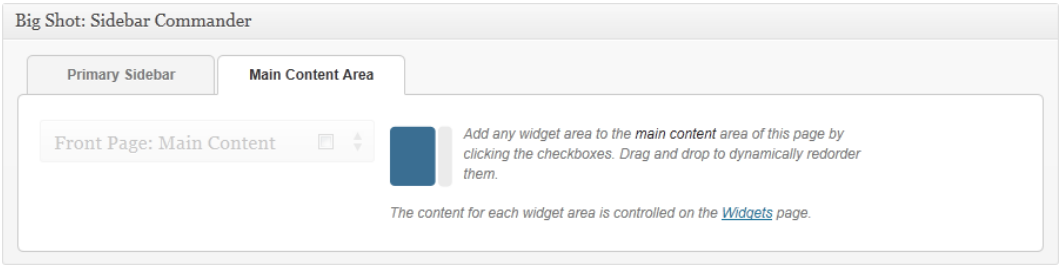

Big Shot: Sidebar Commander
Primary Sidebar
Main Content Area
Front Page: Main Content
Add any widget area to the main content area of this page by clicking the checkboxes. Drag and drop to dynamically redorder them.
The content for each widget area is controlled on the Widgets page.

Figure 41. Big Shot Sidebar Commander.

When a page is widgetized you will see a Main Content Area tab added to the Big Shot: Sidebar Commander meta box. This is where you can specify which widget areas appear in the main content section of the page.

By default, there will only be one main content widget area defined – the one that is used on the front page. You could add this widget area to the widgetized page, but chances are you will want to add some custom widgets just for this page.

To create a custom widget area, go to Appearance -> Widgets. Make sure that if you are creating a new widget area for a main content section then select the Main Content widget area type from the drop down box, as shown in Figure 42.

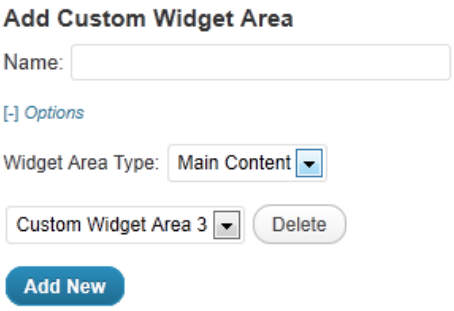
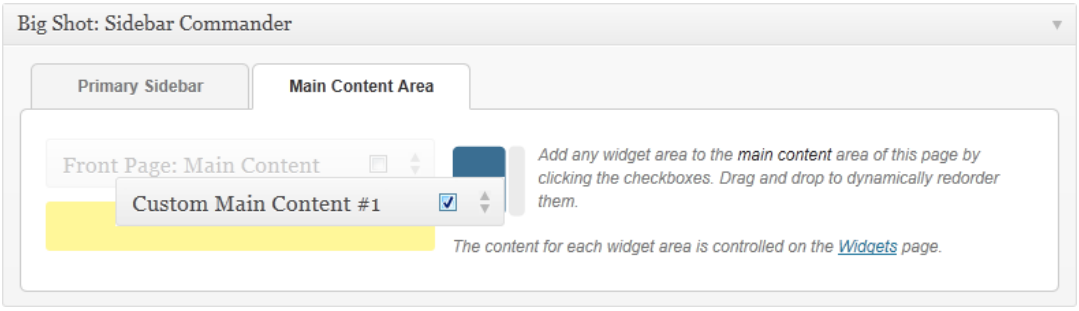


Figure 42. Add custom widget areas on Appearance -> Widgets.

Add a new custom widget area by typing in a name and either press the Enter key, or click the Add New button. Your new custom widget area will then be added to, and displayed on, the list of available widget areas. You can now add some widgets to this widget area.

Note: If you have created a custom widget area to display on the main content section of a widgetized page, but it isn't showing on the Main Content tab (of the Big Shot: Sidebar Commander meta box), then chances are the Widget Area Type is not set to Main Content.

Once you have created a Main Content custom widget area, and added some widgets to it, you can now go back to the page editor and scroll down to the Big Shot: Sidebar Commander meta box. Simply check the box next to any widget area you want to display on the main content section of this page. If you are adding more than one widget area to the main content section then you can drag and drop the widget areas to reorder them as you please, see Figure 43! Update the page, to save any changes you make.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Custom Main Content #1
Add any widget area to the main content area of this page by clicking the checkboxes. Drag and drop to dynamically redorder them.
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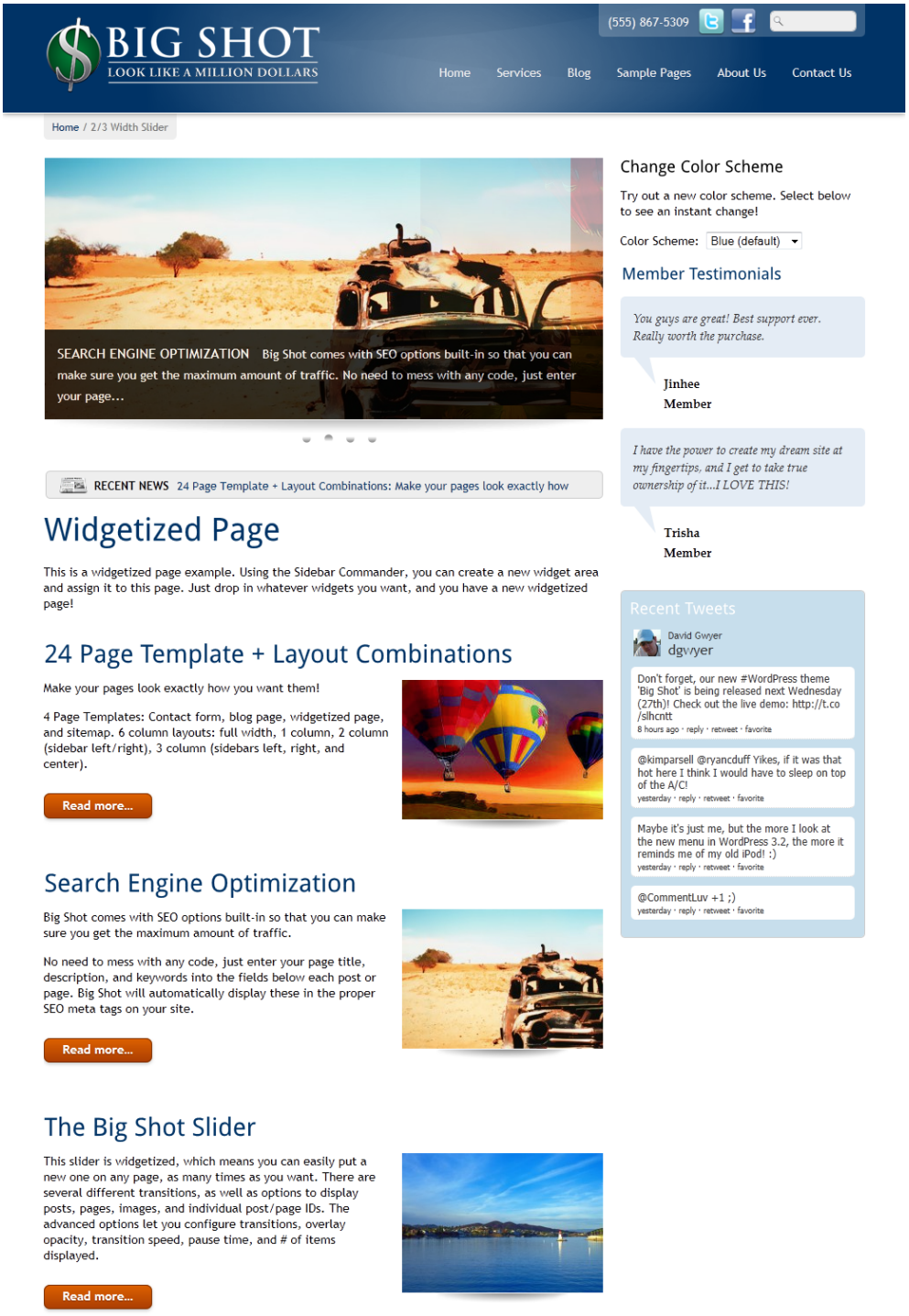
Figure 43. Drag/drop custom widget areas to dynamically reorder them.

You can add custom widget areas to create unique sidebar areas for widgetized pages too. These can then be controlled on widgetized pages via the Primary Sidebar, and Secondary Sidebar tabs on the Big Shot: Sidebar Commander meta box (on the page editor screen).

See Figure 44 for an example of a widgetized page in Big Shot.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Widgetized Page
This is a widgetized page example. Using the Sidebar Commander, you can create a new widget area and assign it to this page. Just drop in whatever widgets you want, and you have a new widgetized page!
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Figure 44. Example of a 100% widgetized page in Big Shot.

Custom Background

Big Shot enables the Custom Background feature in WordPress for controlling background colors and images on your site. To select a new background color (or image) go to Appearance -> Background and specify a solid color, or upload an image, to use as the site background.

That's all there is to it. Click the Save Changes button and your site will now have a custom background!

Navigation Menus

In WordPress 3.0 a powerful new feature was added, namely Custom Menus. To take advantage of this great new feature, your theme needs to specifically implement it - which Big Shot does, of course!

Go to Appearance - > Menus to see the main custom menus screen, as shown in Figure 45.

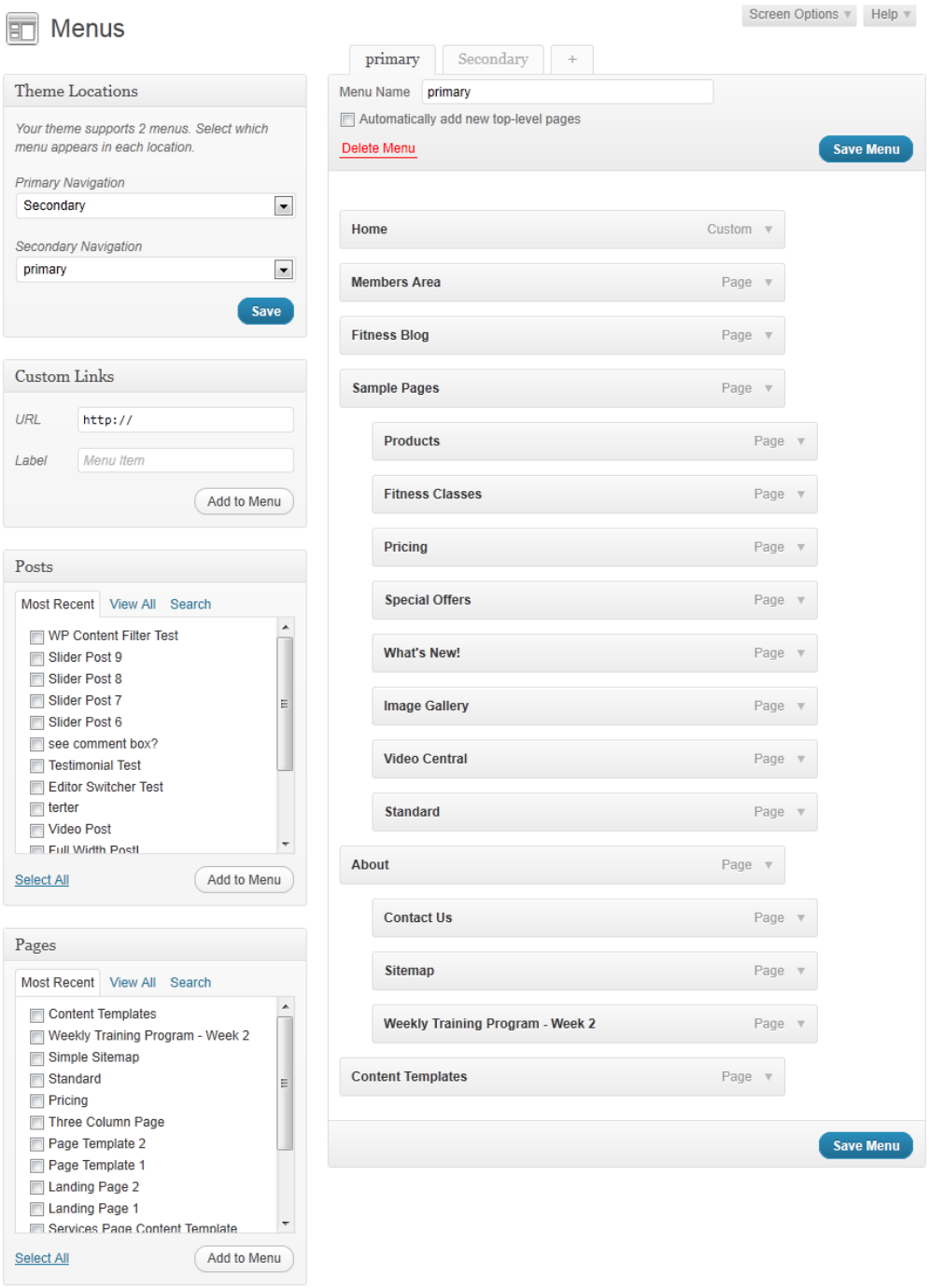


Figure 45. Custom Menus screen in WordPress.

The left hand side of the custom menu screen is where you can add items to your menu. There are meta boxes for Custom Links, Posts, Pages, Categories, and Post Tags. The last two aren't show in the screen shot, but are visible when you scroll down the page.

Note: If for some reason you don't see these on your custom menus page then they may have been hidden. The Screen Options (at the top of the page) controls which panels are visible.

The drop down boxes under the Theme Locations meta box show how many custom menus your theme supports. Big Shot supports two custom menus, a primary and secondary, which were shown in Figure 1.

You can set-up and configure menus by following these steps:

1. Click the '+' tab at the top of the screen to create a new menu. Enter a menu mane and click Create Menu.
2. Next, start adding menu items from the left hand side column. From here you can add posts, pages, and categories etc.
3. Drag/drop the added menu items to order (and indent them as you wish). Any menu items that are indented will appear as sub-menu items.
4. When you have finished adding menu items, and rearranging them, click Save Menu.
5. The last (and very important!) step is to assign your menu to a theme location. If you don't do this then your menu won't appear on the front end of your site.
6. Click the Primary Navigation drop down box and select the menu you have previously created. Then click Save.

For full in-depth instructions on WordPress custom menus take a look at this excellent resource: http://codex.wordpress.org/Appearance_Menus_Screen.

Sidebar Commander

The section on widgetized page templates discussed the usage of the Sidebar Commander, so I won't repeat the same material. Only a general overview will be covered here.

Sidebar Commander is exclusive to our range of themes, and is included in Big Shot. It gives you a way to create and manage custom widget areas. This is especially useful in Big Shot as you can create, and add, custom widget areas for use on the front page, and widgetized pages (both of which are controlled 100% via widgets).

You can create as many new custom widget areas as you like and make them appear to your front page (or any widgetized page) via the Big Shot: Sidebar Commander on the post/page editor. From here you can check the box next to a widget area to make it visible, and also drag/drop to dynamically control the order of widget areas as they will appear on your site.

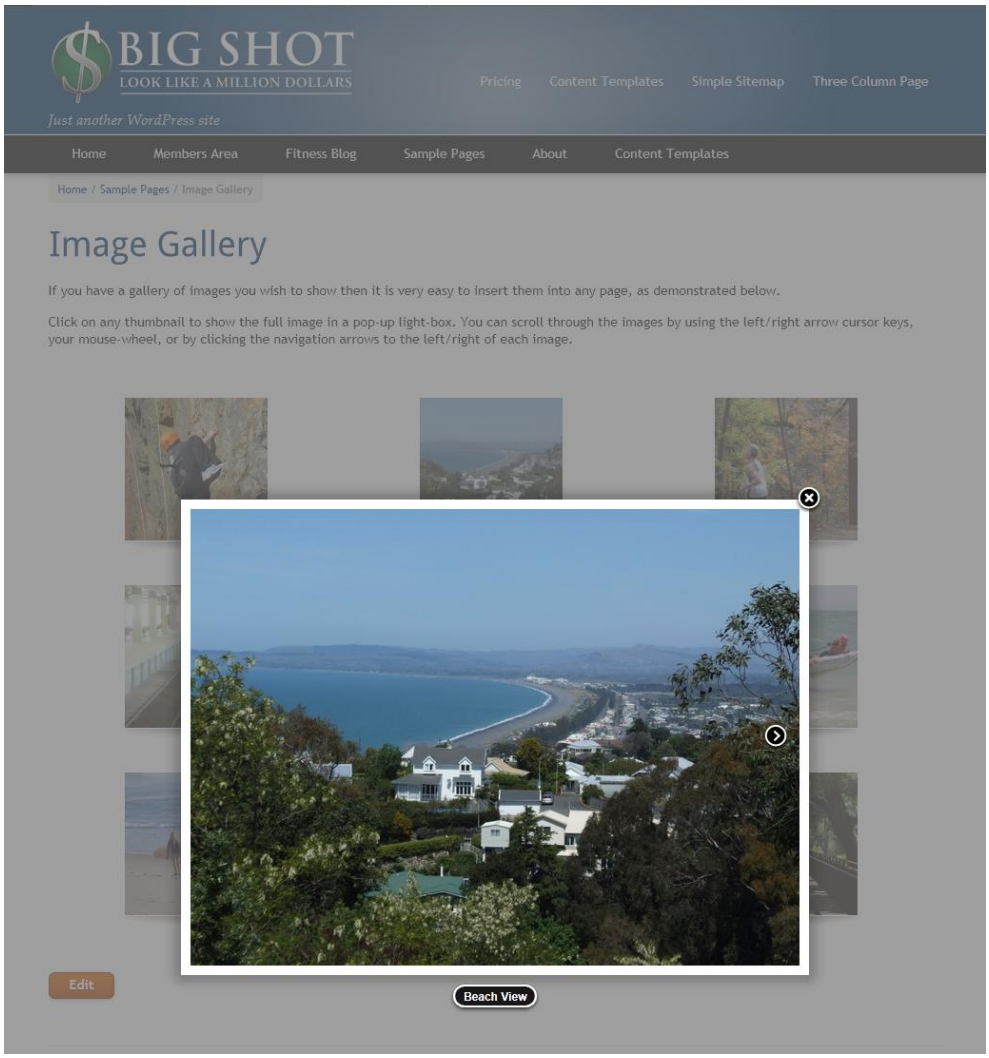
You can also create custom widget areas and display them on any normal post or page. This depends on your currently selected column layout for the page (which you can also specify per post/page).

So, on a particular page, if you have a two column layout then you can specify widget areas for the primary sidebar. If you select a three column layout then you can specify widgets areas for primary and secondary sidebars. Sidebar Commander works in harmony with the current column layout and shows which sidebars will be rendered for the current post/page.

So, in summary the Sidebar Commander feature is great to add custom widget areas to your front page, or widgetized pages. But it is also invaluable for adding custom widget areas to existing sidebars, and allowing you to dynamically re-order them on any sidebar (for each post/page).

Light Box Integration

Big Shot has light box functionality *built-in* to the theme so you don't have to go installing custom Plugins to get the same functionality, see Figure 46!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Three Column Page
Home
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Fitness Blog
Sample Pages
About
Content Templates
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Image Gallery
If you have a gallery of images you wish to show then it is very easy to insert them into any page, as demonstrated below.
Click on any thumbnail to show the full image in a pop-up light-box. You can scroll through the images by using the left/right arrow cursor keys, your mouse-wheel, or by clicking the navigation arrows to the left/right of each image.
Edit
Beach View

Figure 46. The light box gallery included with Big Shot.

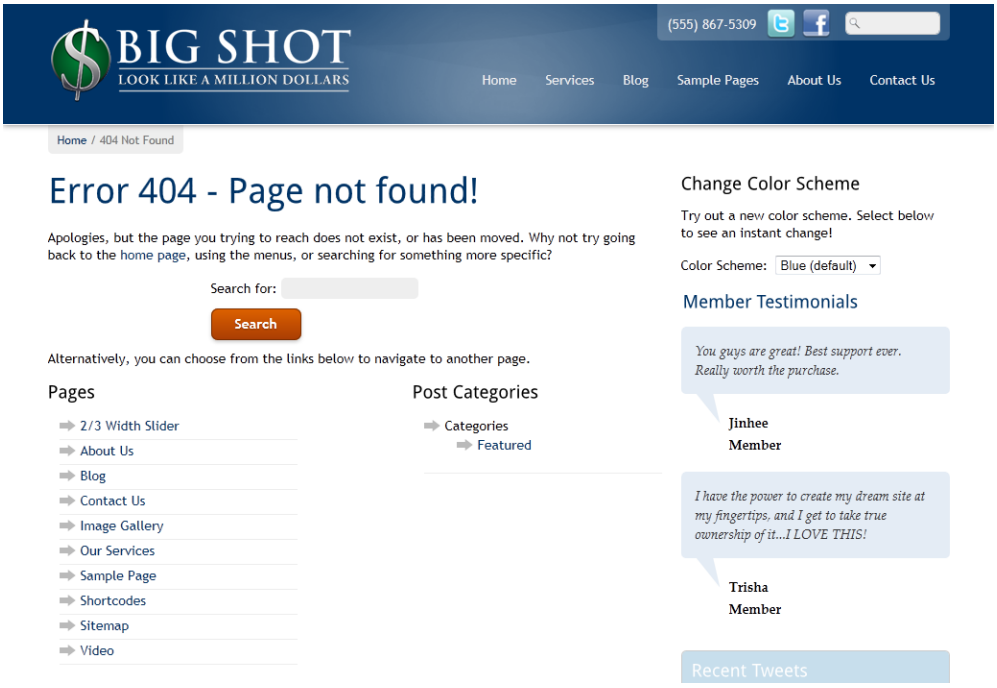
Also, as well as clicking the next/previous arrows to view the next image, you can use the mouse wheel or keyboard to navigate through galleries of images! Add images to your post/pages as single images, or by using the WordPress built-in [gallery] shortcode.

Important: If you are using the WordPress gallery shortcode, you need to supply an attribute to make it work properly. It must have the link attribute enabled, as follows: [gallery link="file"].

Note: If you have a light box Plugin installed then you may want to deactivate it when using Big Shot, or you may get unpredictable results.

Custom 404 Page

Whenever someone tries to visit a page on your site the 404 page gets displayed. In Big Shot we have styled this page to point visitors to posts/pages that they may have been looking for in the first place, see Figure 47.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Search for:
Search
Alternatively, you can choose from the links below to navigate to another page.
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Figure 47. Big Shot 404 page.

Front Page 100% Widgetized

As you saw earlier, in the quick start guide, the front page in Big Shot is 100% widgetized. This means that you can easily remove, or rearrange the content on your front page at the click of a button!

So, if you want to display something above the slider on the front page, or want to remove it completely, you got it. Perhaps you want to add in a video instead and remove the content slider completely. You can do this literally in a few clicks of the mouse.

All of this is really easy with Big Shot. Most WordPress themes give you a fixed static front page template. If you want to change it then you have to hack the template code, if you want to modify outside of the theme options capabilities. With Big Shot there is unlimited scope for customising the front page.

Other Resources

We have tried to give you a head start with this Big Shot Manual, but if you can't find what you are looking for then you can either contact us to request it being added to the next version, or you can check out these other great resources:

Press Coders Forums: Ask any theme specific questions here.

WordPress Forums: For all things WordPress related.

WordPress Codex: The best place around for WordPress documentation.

Contact Us

We would love to hear what you think about Big Shot (or any of our other themes). Also, feedback about this manual (how can we make it even better?) is appreciated. Remember, we develop themes for our customers, so your opinion really does count!

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